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SUBJ: INDONESIA AND FORTHCOMING TRIPARTITE MEETING

ON MALACCA/SINGAPORE STRAITS

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SUMMARY: IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR FEBRCY 11,
FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DJAJADININGRAT
STATED THAT FORTHCOMING INDONESIA-MALAYSIA-SINGAPORE
TRIPARTITE MEETING ON STRAITS OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE
WOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO QUESTIONS OF SAFETY AND POLLUTION,
LEAVING PROBLEM OF JURISDICTION TO LOS CONFERENCE.
DJAJADININGRAT SAID IT LIKELY THAT IMCO WOULD BE
INFORMED OF ANY REGULATIONS DRAFTED AT MEETING. END SUMMARY.

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1. AMBASSADOR SAW FONDEPT DIRGEN FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS FEB 11 AND MADE APPROACH REQUESTED REF A. DJAJADININGRAT WILL REPRESENT GOI AT PRELIMINARY EXPERTS MEETING AND WILL BE PRINCIPAL ADVISOR TO MALIK AT FONMIN MEETING. IN MAKING PRESENTATION AMBASSADOR STRESSED THAT, PRIOR TO FONMIN MALIK'S AND DJAJADININGRAT'S DEPARTURE FOR SINGAPORE TRIPARTITE (INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SINGAPORE) MEETING, HE WISHED CLARIFY ANY POSSIBLE MISUNDERSTANDING OF US POSITION. HE STATED A) US RECOGNIZES SPECIAL CHARACTER OF MALACCA AND SINGAPORE STRAITS, B) US DOES NOT CONSIDER REGULATIONS ON SAFETY AND POLLUTION INCONSISTENT WITH FREE PASSAGE, C) US WOULD ENCOURAGE COASTAL STATES TO DEVELOP SUITABLE REGULATIONS- POSSIBLY INCLUDING DRAFT LIMITATIONS -- FOR IMPLEMENTATION AFTER ADOPTION IN IMCO, D) US--AS MARITIME POWER--WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONSULT WITHIN IMCO FRAMEWORK, E) WE BELIEVE IMCO HAS REQUISITE CHARTER AND EXPERTISE HANDLE THIS MATTER. IN THIS CONNECTION SUBCOMMITTEE ON SAFETY OF NAVIGATION OF MARITIME SAFETY COMMITTEE ALREADY GIVING CONSIDERATION TO PROBLEM, AS INDONESIA, MEMBER OF COUNCIL, DOUBTLESS AWARE.

3. DJAJADININGRAT REPLIED THAT INDONESIA ENVISAGES FORTHCOMING MEETING AS DEALING ONLY WITH SAFETY OF NAVIGATION AND POLLUTION, WITH QUESTION OF JURISDICTION OF STRAITS--ON WHICH SINGAPORE DOES NOT AGREE WITH INDONESIA--LEFT TO LOS CONFERENCE. INDEED, IT POSSIBLE MEETING WILL DEAL ONLY WITH PROBLEM OF SUPERTANKERS, BUT EVEN HERE THERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION: SINGAPORE WANTS DRAFT LIMITATION WHICH WOULD PERMIT PASSAGE BY SHIPS JUST BARELY ABLE TO SCRAPE THROUGH, WHILE INDONESIA WANTS GREATER SAFETY MARGIN, INCLUDING A TONNAGE LIMITATION SINCE TIME IN WHICH SHIP CAN BE STOPPED IS LARGELY MATTER OF WEIGHT (JAKARTA RUMOR HAS IT THAT SHOWA MARU CAPTAIN FOUND HIMSELF ON WRONG COURSE WHILE STILL IN DEEP WATER BUT COULD NOT STOP VESSEL IN LESS THAN TWO MILES).

3. DJAJADININGRAT STATED IT INDONESIA'S VIEW IMCO SHOULD BE "INFORMED" OF REGULATIONS DRAWN UP BY MALAYSIA, INDONESIA
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AND SINGAPORE SINCE, IN GOI VIEW, THIS ASPECT LINKED WITH POLITICAL ONE OF JURISDICTION OVER STRAITS. DURING EXCHANGE, DJAJADININGRAT, UNLIKE MOCHTAR, APPEARED TO HAVE NO PARTICULAR RESERVATIONS CONCERNING FAIRNESS OF IMCO PROCEEDINGS (REFS B AND C). FROM DJAJADININGRAT'S PRESENTATION IT NEVER ENTIRELY CLEAR JUST HOW INDONESIA ENVISAGES IMCO ROLE ON OBTAINING COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS SET BY TRIPARTITE MEETING, THOUGH BY NOTING PROBLEM OF

SUPERTANKERS LARGELY A JAPAENSE ONE, AND THAT JAPANESE GOVERNMENT COOPERATING, HE IMPLIED GOI EXPECTS GOJ TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES.

4. COMMENT: MEETING WAS HELPFUL BOTH IN LAYING TO REST IDEA SOMETIMES HEARD THAT US OPPOSED TO ANY SPECIAL REGULATIONS IN STRAITS AND IN CLARIFYING CURRENT INDONESIAN ATTITUDES. DJAJADININGRAT OBVIOUSLY TAKES MORE SYMPATHETIC VIEW OF MCO THAN MINISTER JUSTICE, ALGHOUGH IT IS STILL NOT CLEAR HOW FAR HE ENVISAGES TRIPARTITE STATES WOULD GO IN OBTAINING FORMAL IMCO APPROVAL OF REGULATIONS. ALSO HAVE IMPRESSION INDONESIANS WARY OF COMMITTING THEMSELVES TO ANY POSITION WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED TO THEIR DISADVANTAGE AT LOS CONFERENCE. IN ANY EVENT IT DOES SEEM CLEAR INDONESIA WILL SUPPORT AT LEAST INFORMING IMCO OF ANY TRIPATITE DECISIONS. WE CAN PURSUE QUESTION FORMAL APPROVAL FROM THAT POINT.

5. DJAJADININGRAT HAS PROMISED SEE US AGAIN FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM SINGAPORE.

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